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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Robert G. Hobson, Sun City, Arizona, offered the following prayer:

Our Father, as we pause in Your presence, we acknowledge You as our God. We are grateful for every Member of this United States House of Representatives.

We pray for every Representative as they seek to determine Your will and direction for this great Nation. Our Father, we commit each one to You in anticipation that You will be pleased to demonstrate Your will in and through each person and in every decision reached.

To this end, our Father, we entrust to You every person in this great body in anticipation of Your blessing and wisdom. May each be keenly aware that with regard to Your wisdom, it is not a matter of one's ability or inability but, rather, their availability to You and to this great Nation that righteousness and justice will be achieved. We thank You, our Father, in advance for all that You are going to accomplish in and through each Representative during their deliberations today.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. McNULTY. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a

quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. HEFLEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HEFLEY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 3214. An act to amend the charter of the AMVETS organization.

H.R. 3838. An act to amend the charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States organization to make members of the armed forces who receive special pay for duty subject to hostile fire or imminent danger eligible for membership in the organization, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills and a concurrent resolution of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1226. An act to require the display of the POW/MIA flag at the World War II memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

S. 1972. An act to amend the charter of the AMVETS organization.

S. 2980. An act to revise and extend the Birth Defects Prevention Act of 1998.

S. Con. Res. 143. Concurrent resolution designating October 6, 2002, through October 12,

2002, as "National 4-H Youth Development Program Week".

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will take one 1-minute at this time. Other 1-minutes will be postponed until the end of business today.

WELCOMING THE REVEREND ROBERT G. HOBSON

(Mr. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, it is my great and good fortune on behalf of the dean of our Arizona delegation, BOB STUMP, chairman of the House Committee on Armed Services and the Member from the Third Congressional District of Arizona, to welcome his constituent and our guest chaplain, Robert G. Hobson, to the floor of the United States House of Representatives today.

Reverend Hobson has served in the capacity of pastor, Bible teacher and evangelist; and he has spoken throughout our great Nation, Canada, the United Kingdom, Europe, Australia, Japan, and the Philippines, ministering in countless churches, Bible colleges, youth conventions, and seminars.

Mr. Speaker, for the past 40 years, Reverend Hobson has been the international field representative for the Capernwray Missionary Fellowship of Torchbearers, whose headquarters are located near Lancaster, England. We are pleased that he brings his unique perspective on the good news to the floor of the House of Representatives today.

Mr. Speaker, I know that you and our colleagues join us in thanking our guest chaplain, Robert G. Hobson, his lovely wife, family and friends who join us on this great occasion. Thanks

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